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Cathedral cities





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Britain's cathedral cities represent some of the nation's most picturesque urban centres, offering cityscapes of soaring spires. These landscapes represent iconic images, by which many cities are recognised.

The aesthetic appeal of these iconic central buildings, surrounded by precinct streets and little closes of traditional period properties, makes them popular with buyers who can simultaneously appreciate the implicit history and heritage offered by the presence of a cathedral.

This appeal is not a modern phenomenon – cathedral cities have represented the commercial centre of their respective regions for centuries and as a result have evolved as cultural and economic county hubs. In 2015, these 10 locations continue to attract the most exciting new boutiques, bars, restaurants and cultural centres arriving in an area and, as a result, maintain a thriving local economy.



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As centres for communications and business, cathedral cities tend to attract a wide demographic – from first time buyers drawn to the centre by employment opportunities, to downsizers looking to relocate from a large family home in a surrounding village to a smaller urban property from which they can take advantage of the cultural attractions offered. They remain eternally popular with families, who can appreciate the good schools on offer, both state and private, with cathedrals often having their own integrated choir school.

As a result of this broad appeal, cathedral cities have historically held their value better than other parts of the UK during economic downturn and properties in these locations will undoubtedly remain a strong investment in the coming years.

Through its network of 44 offices in the areas most popular with property buyers in cathedral cities, Jackson-Stops & Staff has unrivalled knowledge of this sector of the market. This guide showcases some outstanding property examples being offered for sale, in those cities across the country.

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Truro



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Derived from the Cornish name Tri-veru, the cathedral city of Truro is situated at the meeting point of the rivers Truro, Kenwyn and Allen.

The city is known for its quaint cobbled streets and classic Georgian architecture, with the cathedral – an amalgamation of Gothic and Victorian architecture - offering a striking focal point to the city.

Park House, St Clement, Cornwall - £1,575,000

Situated 1.5 miles from Truro, Park House sits in five acres of beautiful gardens and grounds, which include an original walled garden. The property offers flexible living accommodation, with up to eight bedrooms.

Expert View

Nigel Stubbs comments: “Not only does Truro have the appeal of being a cathedral city, it is also predominantly Georgian in architecture which is extremely popular in itself with property buyers. The smallest of all the cathedral cities, it is often described as a ‘mini York’ but is built up around a comparatively modern cathedral compared to other city counterparts, having only been established in 1876. The bulk of expensive properties are located on Lemon Street and in Kenwyn and whilst properties here do command a premium, it is the creek side properties just outside of the city which are the most sought after”

Norwich



Since the Middle Ages, Norwich has represented a centre of communications for Eastern England, with its easy access to the sea and location amongst rich agricultural land making it an important trade hub.

Norwich continues to be well-known for its markets and historic buildings. The cathedral boasts impressively large cloisters and is surrounded by one of Britain's largest cathedral closes. Norwich School is a popular co-educational school situated within the cathedral close, with Norwich High School offering a further choice for girls.

95 Pottergate, Norwich - £750,000

95 Pottergate is a Grade-II listed Georgian townhouse with a courtyard garden and gated parking, within easy walking distance of the city centre.

Expert View

Nigel Steele comments: "Norwich cathedral is one of the finest in the country and has the second highest spire in the UK. It also has the most complete Cathedral Close of any city in the country with 136 properties still owned by the cathedral itself. Here you can find a fantastic spread of property styles, architecture and ages. Needless to say, property here rarely comes to the market and is highly sought after when it does. Another popular area which commands high premiums is the golden triangle to the south west of the city. There are some lovely Georgian properties here which are always extremely popular with buyers."

Chichester



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Situated in sought-after West Sussex, the cathedral city of Chichester offers easy access to a wide range of leisure activities – both on the land and sea.

The city plays host to a number of annual cultural events, including a popular summer and winter season hosted at Chichester Festival Theatre and an arts trail every summer. The cathedral dates back nine hundred years and is the only medieval cathedral in England to be visible from the sea. The Prebendal School is a highly popular preparatory school, with St Richard's, Rumboldswyke and Jessie Younghusband state primary schools all rated outstanding by Ofsted.

19 Westgate, Chichester - £1,290,000

19 Westgate is a recently renovated Grade-II listed period townhouse of great character, with a south-facing walled garden. The property sits on the same street as Chichester Cathedral.

5 North Pallant, Chichester - £3,300,000

This townhouse is an extensively refurbished property with five reception rooms and six bedrooms, occupying an excellent and extremely convenient location in the heart of Chichester.

Expert View

Mark Astley comments: "Each time our country has gone through a recession, cathedral cities have fared better than other parts of the country and this is because of their enduring appeal. Chichester is extremely attractive with predominantly Georgian architecture contained within the ancient city walls. With its independent boutiques, bars and restaurants, the city is an attraction in itself as well having the South Downs National Park, the harbour and the South Coast on its doorstep - all of which make Chichester particularly special."

Exeter



The county city of Devon, Exeter has a strong reputation as the cultural hub of the south west.

Exeter's cathedral boasts the longest uninterrupted vaulted ceiling in the world and is known as one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in Europe. There is a popular cathedral school, which takes boys and girls from three to 13 and is a draw for families moving into the area.

The Barrington, Holland Park, Exeter - £1,165,000

A luxury contemporary home with five bedrooms, an open plan flexible living space, and a modern designer kitchen. There is an additional furniture package worth £65,000.

Expert View

Louisa Hooper comments: "Historic Exeter is gaining a reputation as a vibrant city with impressive contemporary architecture. The quaint, cobbled streets around the picturesque cathedral are juxtaposed by the regenerated Princesshay area, which lies adjacent to the cathedral centre. Striking contemporary buildings are playing host to a number of new restaurants, whose arrival is heralding the area's growing identity as a foodie hub. The Holland Park development, to the south-east of the city, is one of the best examples of Exeter's contemporary home offering. The properties have excellent eco-credentials and have proved very popular with local buyers, with over 85% of the houses now sold. Following the success of phase one, phase two has now gone into development. Properties in this release will range from £275,000 to £795,000."

Chester



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The ancient city of Chester is home to some of the best preserved and most beautiful historic buildings in the country.

Over one thousand years old, Chester's cathedral includes Norman arches, Gothic columns, intricate fourteenth century woodcarvings and spectacular stained glass windows, making the church one of the most complete medieval monastic complexes in the country.

Astbury House, Mollington - £995,000

Occupying a semi-rural location a short distance from the village of Mollington, three miles from the centre of Chester, Astbury House is a mid-Victorian five bedroom house with adjoining two bedroom annexe. The property stands in over two acres of grounds, which include numerous outbuildings and a tennis court.

Expert View

Nick Withinshaw comments: "Chester's cathedral certainly adds a sense of history and significance to the city and we see strong demand for good quality homes in the city's most sought-after locations. Curzon Park and Queen's Park are two eternally popular suburbs as are nearby areas such as Mollington – their leafy streets attract family buyers who are impressed by the green spaces, good local schools and proximity to the city centre. Properties which face onto the river which runs through the city also prove very popular, with these houses and apartments consistently selling well. Buyers in Chester tend to work in the city itself or in nearby Liverpool or Manchester. We see some buyers who work in London for three days a week and spend Thursday to Sunday in Chester, as London Euston is, after all, just two hours away by rail."

Arundel



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Situated on the outskirts of the South Downs National Park, Arundel is surrounded by natural beauty. The striking castle and wonderful gardens look out over the many independent boutiques, cafes, art galleries and restaurants situated in the town.

Arundel Cathedral dates back to 1868 and was founded by Henry 15th Duke of Norfolk, whose family still own extensive estates around the town.

21 Orchard Place, Arundel - £299,995

The two bedroom house benefits from far reaching views over the rooftops towards the cathedral and there is an attractive enclosed courtyard garden to the rear.

Expert View

Tim Wickins comments: “Arundel has a Catholic rather than Church of England cathedral, which is one of the reasons that it is still referred to as a town rather than a city. The castle and the cathedral shape the skyline of Arundel, with the streets of the Old Town which surround these two historic monuments offering period properties for which there is a high demand. Arundel is a very pretty town which benefits from a unique position at the foot of the South Downs National Park, proximity to the coast and good transport links into London Victoria and Gatwick Airport. The second home market is strong with buyers from London and the Home Counties appreciating just how much they can get in West Sussex for their money. ‘Lock-up and leave’ properties priced at around £500,000 are very popular.”



York



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A city of considerable cultural and historical value, York is one of Britain's finest examples of medieval architecture. Situated in North Yorkshire, the walled city lies at the confluence of the rivers Ouse and Foss. In the city centre stands the remarkable York Minster, one of the largest of its kind in Northern Europe.

Precentor's Court townhouse, York - £470,000

This Precentor's Court townhouse is an attractive Grade-II listed property which is understood to date from approximately 1705 and once formed part of York Minster's portfolio of property. The three bedroom house abounds in period features, including attractive fireplaces and sash windows with external shutters.

Expert View

Nick Talbot comments: "There is a strong demand for city centre properties in York, with period townhouses proving particularly popular and exceeding guide prices in some cases. We see both local buyers and those coming from further afield, attracted to the city by its unspoilt period architecture, good transport links to both the North and South and good schools. The city draws in buyers downsizing from family homes in the surrounding villages who are attracted by the thriving cultural scene and possibility of not having to use a car on a day-to-day basis."

London



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London is home to the striking St Paul's Cathedral which was designed in the English Baroque style by Sir Christopher Wren in the late 17th century.

Although this is the most well-known, the city also contains three further examples – Southwark Cathedral, Westminster Cathedral and St George's Metropolitan Cathedral. The city's other iconic church, Westminster Abbey, is in fact a "Royal Peculiar" – a church directly responsible for the religious practice of the sovereign.

The Hansom, Bridge Place, Victoria SW1V - £1,975,000

A striking penthouse apartment with extensive entertaining space, two large double bedrooms, three bathrooms and a secure underground parking space. The apartment is situated just 50 metres from Victoria station in the heart of the regeneration area.

Expert View

Harry Buchanan comments: "Technically the UK's largest cathedral city, London has no shortage of these striking religious buildings. Often overlooked in favour of more famous landmarks, Westminster Cathedral is one of the capital's greatest secrets - an architectural masterpiece dating back to 1895 and home to many artistic works of merit.

Pimlico, situated in the borough of Westminster and a short walk from the cathedral, has experienced an increase in buyer confidence over the past 18 months, growing in popularity as a highly fashionable and sought after area which offers buyers far more for their money than traditional prime locales such as Chelsea and Belgravia. The widespread redevelopment of neighbouring Victoria has shone a spotlight on Pimlico, helping to give prices a boost."

Canterbury



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Situated in the heart of ‘the Garden of England’ Canterbury is bordered on all sides by Kent’s beautiful countryside.

The cathedral is home to the shrine of Thomas Beckett, which brought in a constant flow of pilgrims in centuries past, sustaining the city’s economy and boosting trade. The city now holds UNESCO world heritage status and still attracts many visitors today. Canterbury’s excellent schools are a strong draw for families, including the King’s School – the oldest operating school in the country.

The Penthouse, Clearwater Mews, Canterbury - £750,000

A delightful two bedroom penthouse apartment combining modern architecture with luxurious and flexible accommodation in the heart of the city, a short walk from the cathedral.

Seotamot, Littlebourne, Canterbury - £1,495,000

A substantial nine bedroom home set in 1.4 acres of grounds. The property includes a striking grand entrance hall in addition to a games room and cinema room.

Expert View

Dee Ryall comments: “Canterbury is an extremely quaint and pretty cathedral city, contained within ancient city walls and with sought after terraced houses winding off the main high street. The cathedral is very much part of everyday life here and gives the city a cultured and cosmopolitan feel, which I think is why property retains its value so well. People want to live within the city walls to feel closer to this culture and it is a real privilege to do so.”





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Winchester



Winchester is a medieval city built up around the central Gothic cathedral.

The city offers many cultural opportunities – with ballet, comedy, opera and theatre performances regularly held in Winchester’s venues. The cathedral, which boasts the longest nave of any Gothic cathedral in Britain, is the setting for many of Anthony Trollope’s novels chronicling life in ‘Barseshire’. Winchester’s schools are a great draw for families – with Winchester College for boys and St. Swithun’s for girls offering popular private education and Kings’ School providing an excellent state option.

4 Kingsgate Mews - £950,000

An immaculate townhouse with views over Winchester College playing fields and within walking distance of the city centre, the River Itchen and the Water Meadows.

1 Hamilton House, Canon Street - £645,000

A remarkably special ground floor apartment in an historic listed Georgian townhouse. The apartment is situated in the very heart of the old part of the city and is close to the historic cathedral.

Expert View

Philip Blanchard comments: “Winchester proves consistently popular with buyers moving down from London who are looking to live within easy reach of the capital but can appreciate the excellent schooling and numerous lifestyle options offered by Winchester. The renowned Winchester College lies in the shadow of the city’s cathedral, which proves ever-popular as a venue for concerts and recitals.”





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